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From his EXCELLENCY

# Sr Tho. Fairfax:

and the generall Councel of the

# ARMIE.

Shewing their humble desires in those things which concerns them as *SOVLDIERS.*

Together with a Letter, tendered to the Lords and Commons Commissioners of *Parliament*, Residing with the Army.

To bee by them humbly Represented to both Houses of *PARLIAMENT.*

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By the appointment of his Excellency Sr THOMAS FAIRFAX, and the generall Councel of the *ARMY.*

Signed JOHN RUSHWORTH, *Secretary.*

*Putney* the 22. of *Septemb.* 1647.

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# FOR THE RIGHT HONOVRABLE the LORDS and COMMONS Commissioners of *Parliament*, residing with the *Army*.

Right Honourable,

IN our Representation or Declaration sent from St *Albans*, wee did expresse in generall Terms what things wee desired for the setling of the Rights, Liberties Peace, and Safety of the Kingdom: and since (as the distractions and interruptions wee have met withall would admit) wee have proceeded to prepare and have lately delivered to your Lordships our particular Proposalls in pursuance of those generall desires: and in order to the same ends, having in those set forth, what our desires are, in the things which concerns us, as members of the Common wealth, and in Common with all others. Wee shall now desire your Lordships to re-minde the Parliament of our humble desires in those things which concerns us as Souldiers, and of our dis-satisfactions in relation thereunto; which remained upon us, when some Regi-

*ments of the Army were voted to bee disbanded; for which purpose we have now prepared (and do herewith tender to your Lordships) our particular desires, in pursuance of our former papers, published before our comming to St Albans, in Order to the satisfaction and securitie of the Army, and other the Parliaments Forces, in point of Arrears, and other things that concern us meerly as Souldiers, which we desire, may bee humbly represented to the Parliament, to be taken into as speedy Consideration as may be. The matter of the first Article, concerning the present stating of accounts, and giving debenters for Arrears, to be speedily put in execution, or set in a way of dispatch, and the rest of them to be agreed upon, provided for, and included in any setling of a Peace, which wee shall hartily pray for.*

*Putney Septemb.* 22. 1647.

By the appointment of his Excellency Sr *Thomas Fairfax*, and the general Councel of the Army.

JOHN RUSHWORTH, Sceretary.

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# SEVERAL PROPOSALLS

From His Excellencie

# Sr Tho. Fairfax,

and the generall Councel of the

# ARMIE.

*Shewing their humble Desires, in those things which concern them as Souldiers.*

1. THat a Committee or Commissioners be appointed by the Parliament, to come down and abide at the Head Quarters of the Army, with full power and authority to audite and state the Accounts thereof; and to give Debenters as well for the pay respited upon the Publique faith, as otherwise, for their service under the command of His Excellency Sir Thomas Fairfax, or any other respective Command, wherein they, or any of them, have served the Parliament; that so what shall appear to be justly due upon the aforesaid

ſaid Debenters, may be made an unqueſtionable debt unto them. And for the more effectual accomplishment hereof, we deſire, that the Reſpective Treaſurers and Commiſſaries of muſters of the ſeveral Armies, may be commanded to attend the ſaid Committee or Commiſſioners, that thereby the Arrears of any perſon of this Army, incurred in other Armies or Garriſons, who by his or their continual attendance upon the ſervice, have not had their accounts audited and ſtated, may now be fully accounted for; without further trouble.

And foraſmuch as the Accounts of many who are Members of this Army, and have formerly ſerved the Parliament under other Commands, (through the neglect or want of muſters, loſs of Papers, death of Officers, taking of Garriſons, &c.) will be very difficult to be cleared, to what they will be for the ſervice under the Command of His Excellencie Sir THOMAS FAIRFAX, where Muſters have been certaine, and Accounts better kept, and ſuch contingencies as aforeſaid have not happned; we humbly offer, that the ſaid Committee or Commiſſioners, may have ſuch full inſtructions, that where Certificates from ſuperiour Officers cannot poſſibly be obtained, or other ſufficient Teſtimonies had, the oath of ſuch perſons may be taken, and vallid as to the ſtating of their Accounts

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And in regard there remaines a dis-satisfaction upon the Army, grounded upon the Instructions made for the auditing of our Accompts, and published to us at the Rendesvouze of the Armie at *Triplow-heath*, in order to our satisfaction, wherein care is taken for the abatement for Free-quarter, when monies have been received, and quarters not accordingly satisfied, but no notice taken of payment of quarters at any time, beyond our proportions of pay received, nor any regard had of the severall hardships, wants, and extremities wee have been put upon, in times of eminent service, *viz.* difficult marches, continual motions, and tedious Leaguers, &c. Where, by the greatnes of our Body, or closenes in posture in quartering, there hath been such scarcity in provisions, that both Officers and Souldiers have been put to extreme expences in procuring necessaries to live upon, and all this at such time when no monies have been sent us; and thereupon a proceed made to the severall large deduction thereafter specified, which we neither then nor yet can see good grounds for: therefore we humbly offer, that the two Houses would be pleased to re-assume the consideration of the said Instructions, and thinke upon some expedient, whereby our deduction for Free-quarter may be moderated, as to the Instructions afore-said: and that no person who hath constantly paid quarters,

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may be put upon any deduction, nor any Officer be accountable for any thing save that which particularly concerns himself.

And further wee desire there may be effectual course taken, and provision made for the stating of the Accompts, and securing the Arrears of other the Souldiery of the Kingdom, who have faithfully served the Parliament, and concurred with this Army in their late engagement.

And whereas divers of the Horsemen of this Army upon the loss of their Horses in the Parliaments service, have at their owne charges furnished themselves with others, fit for the said service, and haply have againe lost certain of the said Horses so bought, whereby the State have been served, and the Souldiery much damnified: Wee humbly desire the two Houses will be pleased to take it into their consideration, that some convenient satisfaction may be thought upon for such, as by sufficient Testimoniall shall make it appear they have been damnifyed as aforesaid.

2. Secondly, That Provision may be forthwith made, and a visible security given, to satisfie the Arrears of the Armie, in such way and manner, as may be least burthensome to the Common-wealth; in order to which we offer, that Bishops lands, Dean and Chapters lands, and

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Forreſt Lands may bee ſpeedily put to ſale, or o-therwiſe made over for the uſe aforeſaid, or any o-ther way the Parliament in their wiſedome ſhall think meet, appearing ſatisfactory for the ſecurity of the ſaid Arrears. 154

3. Thirdly, That there may bee an Ordinance for ſecuring all and every perſon in this Army, who have willingly ſerved the Parliament, from beeing impreſſed out of this Kingdom, to any forraign ſervice: and that no Horſe-man ſhall bee forced to ſerve on foot in any future caſe: And for the more reall effecting hereof, wee deſire, that every ſuch perſon aforeſaid, as ſhall have a certificate under the Generalls or his reſpective Field Officer or Captains hand, that he hath ſerved in this Army (which he may carry about him, or keepe by him, by producing ſuch a Ticket he may bee upon ſight thereof diſcharged: and that if any Officer ſhall detaine any ſuch perſon after the ſight of ſuch teſtimoniall, there may bee a certaine penalty inflicted upon him.

4. Fourthly, That the Ordinance concerning Apprentices freedom, that have ſerved the Parliament, may be made an act, before or at the ſetling of a Peace.

5. Fifthly, That the Ordinance concerning

Provision for maimed Souldiers, and the Widdows, and Orphants of men slaine in the Parliaments service, may likewise bee made an Act.

6. Sixthly, That to the Ordinance lately past for Indemnity, there may bee an Additionall Provision, for saving harmlesse and Indemnified the Army and all the Members of it. As also all that have acted in concurrence with it, and for securing of them from all Troubles, Question, or Prejudice for or concerning any thing done, in, upon or in pursuance of the Petition of the Army, agreed upon at Walden, in March last: or any the papers since then presented and published from the Army, or any the things therein contained, or for or concerning any thing spoken or done in relation to, or in Vindication of the Army, from the injuries or extremities put upon it, about the said Petition, or since: which Additionall Provision wee desire, may, together with the said Ordinance for Indemnity, bee past into Acts, at the setling of a Peace: so as we or others, may not (for what we have done or insisted on, in necessary defence or Vindication of our selves, as Souldiers; from Ruine or insufferable Injuries and Oppressions, or in behalf of the Common wealth; for the setling and securing of the Rights, Liberties, Peace, and Safe-

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ty thereof) remaine subject to the malice or censures of our and the Kingdomes Enemies, who wee have oppoſed upon any future advantage.

*Putney, Septemb.* 22.
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By the appointment of his Excellency Sr *Thomas Fairfax*, and the generall Councel of the Army.

Signed *John Rushworth*, Secretary.

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